

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 860

By Blackburn

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Paul Redick.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Paul Redick of Franklin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redick was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born in Camden on May 20, 2002, Mr. Redick was the son of Mabel Maiden and Phillip Redick; and

WHEREAS, he attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and Cumberland University, playing football and other sports and earning a spot in the Sports Hall of Fame of each institution; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, he served gallantly in the United States Navy during World War II and was one of the heroic individuals who collaborated to earn honor as our nation's "Greatest Generation"; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Redick was an invaluable contributor to society and positively influenced countless lives, particularly those of the young men of our State;

Cumberland University honored him with the prestigious Phoenix Award for “outstanding contribution in the field of education”; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redick served with acumen and alacrity as a teacher, coach, and administrator at Castle Heights Military Academy from 1936 until 1950; and

WHEREAS, in 1950, he became Headmaster of Battle Ground Academy, and he remained in that position until 1968; earning the respect and admiration of students, parents, and faculty alike for the outstanding quality of his work and for his character and concern for his students; and

WHEREAS, having developed an unsurpassed reputation for astute leadership, Mr. Redick served as Director of Special Schools for the State of Tennessee after leaving BGA; he also had tremendous people skills and served as Vice President of Public Relations at Harpeth National Bank; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Mr. Redick actively mentored the youth of Tennessee; he served as Director of Camp Hy-Lake for Boys from 1935 until 1960 and later wrote two books of anecdotes from his experiences there, *It Happened at Hy-Lake* and *They Preached Me a Sermon*; and

WHEREAS, he also authored several patriotic articles for local newspapers and hosted the “Americana Series” on WENO Radio; for these and other efforts, he was named “Outstanding Citizen” by *The Review Appeal*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redick was active in numerous community and civic organizations and received the Paul Harris Fellow Award for his devotion to the Rotary Club, which he served as President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Program Director; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he was a member of the First United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years as a member of the Administrative Board and as a teacher of the Hal Peebles Bible Class; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redick was also deeply committed to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he cherished the loving companionship of his wife of sixty-six years, Betsy, and was the devoted father of Becky Waldrop and Bill Redick; and

WHEREAS, he was also the proud grandfather of Al Waldrop, Harp Waldrop, and Paige Mills, and the great-grandfather of Graham, Jack, Charlie, Ford, Hays and Duke Waldrop, Ben, Russell, and Eliza Mills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Redick leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Mr. Paul Redick, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Redick.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.